GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:221
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2007
INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES SCHEME
Krishnadas Shri N.N.

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to extend the ICDS project to new areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the allocation of funds to different States for this purpose till October 31,2007; and

(d) the manner in which the Panchayati Raj System is proposed to be utilized in the proper implementation of the scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a),(b),(c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 221 FOR 30.11.2007 BY SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS REGARDING INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES SCHEME

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to cover all the hitherto uncovered habitations, across the country, the States/Union Territory (UT) Administrations were requested to undertake a micro level survey having regard to predominantly SC/ST/Minority habitations and furnish specific requirement of additional Projects/Anganwadi Centres(AWCs)/Mini-AWCs. Additional requirements for 613 Projects, 2.20 Lakh AWCs and 77360 Mini AWCs have been received from 34 States/UT Administrations. These requirements have been incorporated in a composite proposal for competent approvals.

(c) State-wise allocation of funds for this purpose will be made only after the competent approval has been accorded.

(d) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme envisages, inter-alia, involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in the Programme implementation. As per information received from the States/UT Administrations, PRIs have been associated in the implementation of the ICDS Scheme in different areas like in selection of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs), supervising distribution of supplementary nutrition, distribution of honorarium to AWWs/AWHs, and providing infrastructural facilities for AWCs etc.